

## Biomechanics

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## Statics of the rigid body

Point-like mass body:  $\longleftrightarrow$  Extended rigid body:

Center of mass:  $\vec{F}$  and  $-\vec{F}$

equilibrium  $\Leftrightarrow \sum \vec{F}_i = 0$

lines of action

$\sum \vec{F}_i = 0$

Rotation is possible!  
(if the forces have no common line of action)

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## Statics of the rigid body – torque

moment arm  $r$

lines of action

point of action

Point/axis of rotation (fixed or free)

**torque ( $M$ ):**  
(moment or moment of force  
- tendency of a force or forces to rotate an object )

$M = r \cdot F$       Unit: Nm

equilibrium  $\Leftrightarrow \sum \vec{F}_i = 0$  and  $\sum M_i = 0$

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## Lever: a simple machine

effort

load

Equilibrium:  $\sum M_i = 0$

$r_G \cdot G = M_G = M_F = r_F \cdot F$

$\frac{G}{F} = \frac{r_F}{r_G}$

Fulcrum or pivot point

Mechanical advantage: increased force

$\frac{G}{F}$

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### Examples

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### Types

**Class 1**  
Fulcrum between the effort and load.

**Class 2**  
The effort and load on the same side.

**Class 3**  
mechanical disadvantage, distance moved by the load is greater.

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### In the human body

Arm:

$\frac{r_E}{r_G} \approx \frac{34}{340} \approx 0.1$

$\frac{r_E}{r_G} \approx \frac{21}{340} \approx 0.062$

Class 3

Class 1

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### Ear bones:

Class 2

### Holding the head:

Class 1

Point of rotation

Weight of the head

m. semispinalis

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Class 3

chewing:

In dentistry

Class 1

**Couple**

**Couple:** two equal and opposite forces whose lines of action do not coincide.

$F = F_+ + F_- = 0$

Resultant force: 0

$M = F \cdot (r_+ + r_-) = F \cdot d$

Resultant torque ( $M$ )

$M = d \cdot F$

(independent of reference point)

$M = F \cdot (r_+ - r_-) = F \cdot d$

Reference point

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System of forces

**Any system of forces may be replaced by a force and a couple!**

**Force:**  
results only translational motion

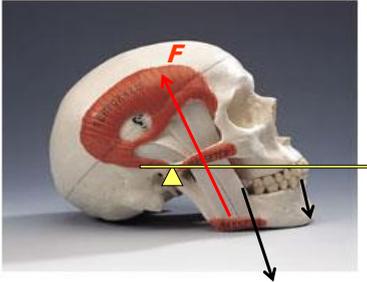
**Couple:**  
results only rotation

Compound motion (translational motion and rotation)

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### Masticatory force

Jaw elevators and depressors

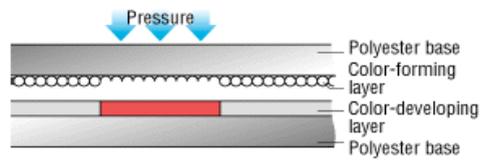
Force system

about 10 000 N

(Guinness record: human - 4000 N)

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### Measurement of the masticatory force



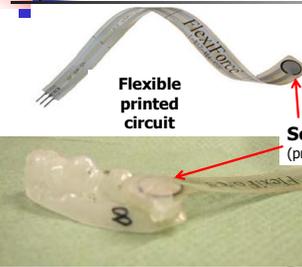
Pressure indicating film:

micro-encapsulated color forming and developing material

**Piezoelectric sensor:**  
(look at piezoelectric effect!)

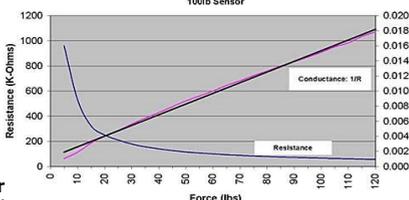


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Flexible printed circuit

Sensor (pressure)



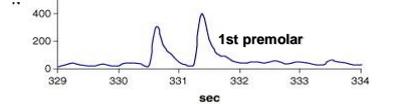
100lb Sensor

Resistance (K-Ohms)

Force (lbs)

Conductance: 1/R

Resistance



1st premolar

sec

Other (subjective) methods:



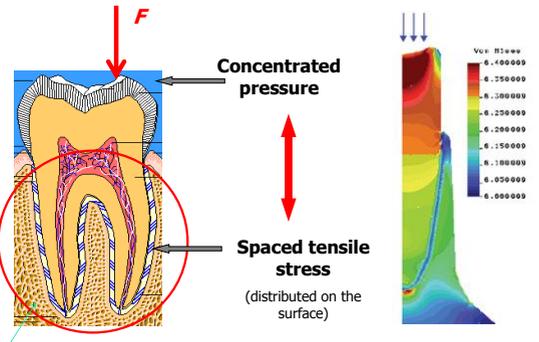
Software

Data Acquisition Handles

Sensors

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### Transmission of forces to the bones



Typical load type (input):

Typical load type (output):

Concentrated pressure

Spaced tensile stress (distributed on the surface)

root

Constructive effect on the bone!

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### Bone remodeling

Wolff's law 1870: the bone in a healthy person will adapt to the loads.

Compression stress  $\Rightarrow$  bone resorption  
Tensile stress  $\Rightarrow$  ossification

Carter 1988:

The role of the load

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### Mechanism of bone remodeling

mechanical load

electric signal (piezoelectric/flow potential)

Regulation of the ossification (osteogenesis)

mechanical adaptation

Application of electric fields in the stimulation of bone healing:

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January 6, 1989

May 25, 1989

September 25, 1989

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### Torque of the masticatory forces

Memo:  
compression stress  $\Rightarrow$  bone resorption  
tensile stress  $\Rightarrow$  ossification

$M = r \cdot F$

+compression stress

+tensile stress !

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### Force transmission of dental implant

osseointegration → **Compression stress!**  
**No force distribution!**

stress concentration

typical: titanium screw

→ **large torque**

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### Physical testing methods in implantology

- Stress-optic method

**Polariscope:**

Light source → polarisator → object → analysator → Distribution of the stress

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### Computer based method

- finite element method

Calculation on a model.

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### Stability test

- Resonance Frequency Analysis (RFA) is a method used to determine stability in dental implants.

small magnet

magnetic pulses are applied to a small magnet and the resonance is analysed.

- Periotest

Electrically driven head percusses the implant and the response is monitored.

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